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SUBJECT: SWAPO ARRESTS

REF: CAPE TOWN 0421, STATE 168724

1. IN LETTER FROM FONSEC FOURIE TO AMBASSADOR, SAG HAS RESPONDED TO EMBASSY'S NOTE OF AUGUST 7 RELATING TO ARREST AND DETENTION OF SWAPO AND SWAPO YOUTH LEAGUE MEMBERS.

2. REFERRING TO OUR NOTE, FOURIE SAID: "...MR. GEORGE ITENGE IS THE ONLY PERSON STILL IN DETENTION UNDER THE TERRORISM ACT IN THE TERRITORY. IT IS UNDERSTOOD, HOWEVER, THAT HE WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO FACE CHARGES, BUT THAT HE IS NEEDED AS A WITNESS IN THE STATE'S CASE AGAINST MESSRS. AXEL JOHANNES AND LOT ZACHARIAS, WHO ARE BEING DETAINED IN TERMS OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ORDINANCE OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA, NO. 34 OF 1963. BOTH ARE DUE TO APPEAR IN COURT ON 9 SEPTEMBER 1974. THE CHARGE AGAINST MR. JOHANNES IS THAT HE ASSISTED PERSONS IN THEIR ATTEMPTS TO LEAVE SOUTH WEST AFRICA ILLEGALLY. THE CHARGE AGAINST MR. ZACHARIAS IS THAT HE HIMSELF ATTEMPTED TO LEAVE SOUTH WEST AFRICA ILLEGALLY.

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3. "MR. DAVID MERORO, WHO IS FREE ON BAIL, IS DUE TO

APPEAR ON 3 SEPTEMBER 1974 ON CHARGES OF ILLEGALLY  
POSSESSING BANNED LITERATURE AND INCITING ILLEGAL STRIKES."  
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